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FOLLOWING TICKER ITEM REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

BY HELEN THOMAS - RABAT MOROCCO UPI

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND KING HASSAN II OF MOROCCO DWELT ON STRENGTHENING THE FRAGILE MIDDLE EAST CEASE-FIRE TODAY ON THE FIRST LEG OF KISSINGER'S PEACE MISSION TO ARAB CAPITALS.

KISSINGER, WHO LEFT WASHINGTON MONDAY SAYING HE WAS "ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT PEACE, MET HASSAN TWICE FORMALLY TODAY. THE SECOND SESSION WAS ATTENDED BY FULL DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH SIDES, THEN HE AND THE KING STARTED PRIVATE TALKS.

"WE ARE STILL CONCENTRATING ON THE GROUND SITUATION," A KISSINGER AIDE SAID. "IT IS GETTING A LITTLE BETTER, BUT THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE IF IT IS UNRESOLVED."

BEFORE THE TALKS BEGAN, U.S. OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING HIM CAUTIONED AGAINST HOPES OF A DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGH IN KISSINGER'S EFFORT TO PAVE THE WAY FOR EVENTUAL ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE OFFICIALS INSISTED THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT ON THE MAJOR PROBLEMS OF PRISONER EXCHANGE, FREEING OF THE

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TRAPPED EGYPTIAN 3RD ARMY AND THE BLOCKADE OF THE BAB EL

MANDEB STRAITS CUTTING ISRAEL OFF FROM THE GULF OF AQABA.
(THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED TODAY THAT AN AGREEMENT
HAD BEEN REACHED ON THOSE KEY ISSUES.)

THE U.S. OFFICIALS DISCOUNTED REPORTS THAT THERE IS
A "MADE IN AMERICA" PLAN TO RESOLVE THE IMMEDIATE
PROBLEMS SURROUNDING THE OCT. 22 CEASE-FIRE.

AFTER A LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR AT THE PALACE, KISSINGER
FLIES TO TUNIS FOR A BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT HABIB
BOURGUIBA. HE THEN GOES TO CAIRO FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT
ANWAR SADAT.

HIS TALKS WITH SADAT ARE CONSIDERED BY OFFICIALS TO
BE THE CRITICAL POINT OF HIS FIVE-DAY SWING THROUGH FIVE
ARAB CAPITALS BEFORE HEADING FOR THE FAR EAST.

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